

# LOCAL SKATERS ARE CANADIAN CHAMPIONS

by Brad Holden

Creemore's **Hannah Whitley** and Angus's **Elliott Graham**, or "Whitley and Graham" as they may one day be called on an Olympic broadcast, were crowned the Pre-Novice Canadian Ice Dance Champions at the 2013 Skate Canada Challenge, held December 5 and 6 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Pre-Novice is the third of six levels of competitive figure skating, open to girls up to the age of 16 and boys up to the age of 18. Whitley and Graham, now 12 and 14 respectively, finished eighth when they entered the Skate Canada Challenge for the first time last year.

This year, they were on fire, placing first in both of the technical dances, a fox trot and a tango, held on the first day of the competition. On the second day, they finished a very close second on their free dance, a 1920s Charlie Chaplin routine, and their combined score was enough to give them the championship.

"It was really exciting, and really surprising," said Hannah this week, reflecting on their big win.

*(See "Whitley" on page 12)*



Local figure skaters **Elliott Graham** and **Hannah Whitley** after their winning skate at the 2013 Skate Canada Challenge, flanked by Mariposa School of Skating director of dance **David Islam** and their coach, **Tyler Myles**.

## Council begins budget talks with an 8.48% levy increase

by Brad Holden

Clearview Council got a first look at its 2013 budget Monday, during an introductory working session that saw staff present its proposed operating revenues and expenses for the year.

Council was also given staff's proposed capital budget, with orders to go over the numbers in preparation for the next budget workshop, scheduled for Monday, January 14, during which staff will review that part of the budget with Council.

A third workshop, scheduled for Monday, January 28, will see Council make changes to the budget, in hopes

of presenting a draft version at a public meeting on Monday, February 11. Public comments will be considered at a final workshop on Monday, March 4, paving the way for a final budget approval at the Monday, March 25 Council meeting.

As it stands, the current proposed budget includes a total Clearview Township levy increase of 8.48 per cent. Combined with a 0.61 per cent Simcoe County increase, approved at the end of November, and estimated OPP and Education increases of 071 per cent and 0 per cent respectively,

*(See "Budget" on page 3)*

## Community Carolling

This has been an incredibly rich musical season for the Creemore area. With harpists, choral groups and singers at St. John's, classical guitarists, piano trios and vocalists at St. Luke's, and a number of great musical events in surrounding areas such as Avening and Dunedin, there has been no shortage of music in the village this fall. To cap off the season, there will be one more musical gathering, this time as families, friends and neighbours come together at the Station on the Green to sing in the holiday season.

Rumour has it that the impetus for this event originated with three masked elves who decided it would be a splendid idea for Creemore to

have a community carol sing. In fact, they so loved the village that they put together a special song book of Christmas carols for Creemore, and even included a Creemorecentric version of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' in the mix.

Everyone is invited to what it is hoped will become an annual event in the village. Lip sync if you feel you need to, but don't miss this chance to sing in the holiday season, and to mingle with friends and family over hot apple cider and munchies following the caroling. Gather with everyone at the Creemore Carol Sing at 7 pm on Saturday, December 22 at Station on the Green.

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Now to Thursday, December 20

- **Bring your non-perishable food items or monetary donations to Creemore Echo** to help the **Clearview Stayner Foodbank** help others for Christmas. Any **toys donated** will be passed on to the Salvation Army.

### Friday, December 14

- **Friday Night Dinner** by the Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary from 5 to 6:45 pm at the Creemore Legion. Tomato macaroni soup, tourtiere, gravy, French fries, vegetables, apple crisp. Call 705-466-2202 to RSVP.

### Saturday, December 15

- **Turkey Shoot** at New Lowell Legion at 10 am. Come out and win a turkey for Christmas.
- **Pet Pics with Santa at Mad River Veterinary Hospital** from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring your pets in for a picture with Santa and make a donation to Creemore Cats.

- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Blades Competition** at Creemore Arena starting 11:15 am to 1 pm featuring members of the Creemore Skating Club partnered with local hockey players. Admission \$2, free admission for children 12 and under. Creemore Skating Club will have a bin at the admissions table for food bank donations.

### Sunday, December 16

- **Church Services** on page 5.
- The New Lowell Legion invites families to their **Annual Children's Christmas Party** at 1 pm. There will fun and goodies and you can have your picture taken with Santa. Come and join in the festivities.
- **Christmas Caroling and Hayride** from 2 to 4 pm. Wagon will leave the Brentwood Hall and travel down McCarthy Drive. Return to the hall afterwards

for light refreshments and Christmas goodies for the children.

- **St. Luke's Gift of Music** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm featuring **The Divas and friends**. Dynamic and talented vocalists always delight us with their charm, their humour, and a repertoire that is a mix of both classical and seasonal concert favourites. Tickets, \$15, available at Curiosity House Books, the *Echo* and at the door.
- Emmanuel Presbyterian Church invites you to join them for a free **Family Christmas Event** from 2 to 3:30 pm. Bring your family for a fun-filled afternoon that includes children's movie, crafts and snacks. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Hwy 124 south of Nottawa.

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, December 18

- **Sara Hershoff & Brad Holden** are on **97.7 The Beach** this morning between 9 and 10 am to talk "**All Things Creemore**". Don't miss it!

### Thursday, December 20

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church in Stayner from 3 to 7 pm. Give someone a Holiday Miracle – the gift of blood. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

### Friday, December 21

- **Winter Solstice Celebration** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 7 pm.

### Saturday, December 22

- **Christmas Craft Fair** at Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. Come buy your last minute gifts and goodies – all locally produced!
- **Santa at the Log Cabin**. Santa's free workshops with stories, crafts & pictures at 9, 10 & 11 am. Limited places so please book your session by contacting 705-466-3400. Everyone is invited for pictures with Santa from noon to 1 pm.
- **Wagon Rides with the McArthur family** around town from 9 am to 1 pm. Wave when you see it & they'll stop to pick you up!
- **Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long** at Station on the Green from 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments follow.

### Tuesday, December 25

- **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** at Station on the Green at 5 pm. Reservations required by calling 705-466-3126.

### Sunday, December 30

- **Deadline for submission to Mad and Noisy Gallery's 6th Annual Creemore Centric art show** and fundraising event. A chance for artists and community members to create a wonderful 12x12 canvas piece to fill the Great Wall. Exhibition opens January 5, 2013, 2-5pm, silent bidding ends Sunday, January 27 at 2 pm. Live Auction, Sunday, January 27, 2-3 pm. Drop into 154 Mill Street, Creemore, pick up your canvas and be creative. 705-466-5555

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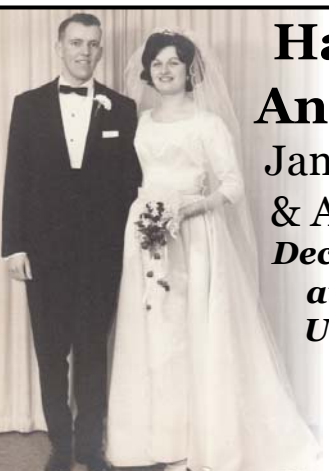
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# Much Christmas cheer planned for December 22

by Brad Holden

The main event on the Creemore Christmas calendar has always been the “Christmas in the Valley” weekend, highlighted by the tree lighting, the Santa Claus Parade, Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Market. But this year, you’ll have another opportunity to spend a festive weekend in the village courtesy of the Creemore BIA, Farmers’ Market president **Sarah Hallett** and a trio of anonymous “Christmas Elves.”

On Saturday, December 22, Santa Claus will make a return visit to the village to spend the day in the Creemore Log Cabin.

He and his helpers will host children for a special BIA Christmas event, running at 9 am, 10 am and 11 am in the Log Cabin. There will be stories with Santa, a holiday craft, cookie decorating and a final chance

for kids to pose for a picture with Santa and let him know what they might like for Christmas.

There is no charge for this event, but reservations are requested so that Santa can be prepared. You may reserve your place by phone or email at 705-466-3400 or [info@curiosityhousebooks.com](mailto:info@curiosityhousebooks.com).

If you are not able to make it in the morning, not to worry. The crafts may be over, but Santa will still be around between 12 noon and 1 pm for final pictures and whispered wishes – and there is no reservation necessary for this session.

The BIA is also sponsoring wagon rides around town that day, courtesy of the **McArthur** family and their magnificent Belgians.

From 9 am to 1 pm, **Sarah Hallett** of the Creemore Farmers’ Market is organizing a Christmas Craft Fair at Station on the Green. Local vendors will offer everything you need to finish your Christmas shopping, including handmade chocolates, baked goodies, hand-carved Christmas decorations, handmade soaps, local cheese, preserves, handmade jewellery, hats, clothing, bags, pottery and glassware.

In addition, many of Creemore’s non-profit organizations will be represented at a special booth, selling everything from gift certificates to Farmers’ Market aprons to Avening Hall t-shirts. They’ll be accepting donations as well, making this a great chance to give a truly local gift and give something back to the community at the same time.

Rumour has it that carollers will arrive at the Craft Fair sometime around 10:30 am to add that extra special holiday cheer.

And if you’d like to do some carolling yourself, there will be a community carol sing at the Station that evening, brought to you by those aforementioned “anonymous elves.” See the article on page 1 for more about that event.



**LOCAL ART** The Mad & Noisy Gallery is once again accepting submissions for its CreemoreCentric exhibit, and six-year-old **Leo Wolfe** is so excited about seeing his artwork in a gallery that he’s completed his entry already. The entire community is invited to take part in this annual tradition – all you have to do is purchase a canvas or board at the gallery for \$20 and fill it with something that says “Creemore” to you! The deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 30, and the show will open on Saturday, January 5.



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# Budget talks underway

(Continued from page 1)

the net tax increase for Clearview Township residents should the budget remain unchanged would be 3.66 per cent.

The majority of the Township’s 8.48 per cent increase currently lies on the operating side, with 7.71 per cent, or \$771,364, more being required from this year’s levy than last year’s. More than half of that, an increase of \$466,855, is required for the administration department, where several new projects are proposed to be funded by taxation. Those include the EDC branding project at \$52,000, a pay equity review at \$30,000 and municipal asset management plan public consultation at \$20,000. Salaries, wages and benefits are set to increase by \$121,241.

Elsewhere in the operating budget, the Clearview Fire Department is proposing hiring a part-time administrative assistant at a cost of \$30,000 per year and a part-time fire prevention officer at \$18,500 per year, and the Clearview Library is proposing keeping the Stayner branch open for an extra hour from Tuesday to Friday at a cost of \$9,300 per year.

In total, the budget now calls for a \$9.1 million municipal tax levy, with \$7.3 million going to operating expenditures and \$1.8 million to capital expenditures. That’s \$957,155 more than last year. With the average Clearview residence now assessed at \$250,750, that means the owner of a home worth that much would pay a tax bill of \$2,844.16 this year, with \$1,197.13 of that going to Clearview Township coffers and the rest being divided between Simcoe County, the Boards of Education and the OPP. That’s an increase of \$100.47 over last year’s tax bill.

Monday’s meeting ended with several Councillors commenting that it was a “great start,” but that there was more work to be done.

“No one here is comfortable with an 8.48 per cent

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## LETTER

### Writer warns ministers: don't get friendly with wpd

Dear Editor:

Wpd Canada, the wholly owned subsidiary of a German multinational wind developer of six projects in Southern Ontario, including the Fairview project near Stayner, has issued a notice of a press conference for 10 am next Monday, December 17 at the Royal York Hotel. The notice says that they will announce the signing of a contract for 52 turbines from REPower (another German-based company) and further announce a multi-million dollar investment in a manufacturing facility in southern Ontario. They expect ministers from the government to attend in support.

Well first of all, the sweepers have just cleaned up after the Calgary horseman left his deposits on the Royal York carpets, only now to be called back to clean up the same substance, but in far more deadly form! I say to our ministers – don't go... it's a sucker pay! I'm telling you that the intent is to use your pearly whites as evidence in future court proceedings that this government led the innocent multinational to the wind altar... and then dumped her. The angry future father-in-law will sue your pants off and the good citizens of Ontario will once again be on the hook for millions based on false expectations and broken promises – and any ministers who attend in support of that press conference will be hard evidence.

Let's look at the facts. Wpd does not have one binding Notice to Proceed or contract. Wpd has five files at the MOE now under review. Wpd does not own a factory to manufacture turbine parts in Ontario... and I doubt they have land under control or approvals to construct.

Simply, this is "expansion by announcement" – it is a tactical attempt to pressure the government to rubber stamp their files and intimidate the frightened public from democratic municipalities like Stayner, hoping they will back off in their opposition as their deal is a "done deal." Whatever happened to the democratic process? Whatever happened to public consultation and fair play? This is a railroad job (recognize Dalton wearing the engineer's hat?) by a desperate company faced with winds of opposition howling just north of 905.

The only hope now for the wind developer is to score big time through lawsuits against the current government. Don't fall for it lads... it's a sucker pay. Stay home.

**Chuck Magwood, Clearview Township**

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**Letters must include the sender's full name.**

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## THE WAY WE WERE



It's always interesting to see which items in our "The Way We Were" section strike a nerve and generate a lot of discussion in the community. **Marian Abbey's** mystery bank draft from the Creemore branch of the Merchant's Bank of Canada has certainly done that! This week, we had a visit from **Susan Simpson**, whose grandfather just happened to be W.B. Harshaw, the man who opened the branch in 1903. She brought us an original advertisement from the *Creemore Star*, dated September 17, 1903, in which the brand new branch was seeking to attract depositors, as well as a portrait of Mr. Harshaw himself (we apologize for the blurry scan – the original is much sharper!).

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# Big Heart Seniors

There were 53 out for cards today. Our intrepid leader, President **Bob Veale**, was among the missing, so Vice Prez **Ray Leighton** very ably conducted the day's business – and the rest of us carried on just as if we knew what we were doing!

Ray's first order of business was to introduce three new players – **Lyle Kenwell**, **Marie Kenwell** and **Norma Bullock** – all from the Singhampton/Rob Roy/Gibraltar area. They were welcomed with a round of applause. Ray then mentioned that the 2013 dues (\$5) should be paid by next week. We then had a cute joke from **Bob McNicol**, which we all enjoyed. Our thanks to **Ray**, **Barb Cudmore**, **Irma Flack** and others for the "sorting out" of players cards and decks of cards, etc. Ray then asked **Warren Gale** to help with the 50/50 draws that went to **George Blakney**, **Phyllis Seed**, **Sheila Fenton**, **Lucy Young**, **Martin Verstraten**, **Evelyn Warden**, **Mercedes Veinot** and **Lyle Kenwell**.

Moon shots were played by **Audrey Tidd**, **Dave Smith**, **Sylvia Gale**, **Marcie Cameron**, **Barb Cudmore**, **Warren Gale**, **Mike Smith** and **Martin Verstraten**. Martin took the travelling prize, and

SENIORS



Sylvia  
GALE

Dave won the Sidewinders loot.

High scorers were **Gayle Gordon** 283, **Marj Thomson** 282, and **Kevin Keogh** and **Gerri Miller** tied with 257. Low was **Jim Rigney** with 42.

This was a "bad" breathing day for me, and **Barb Pilon** noticed that, and had my lunch gathered up and over to the table for me, which is a most thoughtful thing to do. Barb is a most caring and considerate gal who keeps an eye out and is ready, able and willing to lend a hand whenever someone needs it. A real asset to our club.

We missed the Santa Claus Parade in Creemore, but understand that it again was a high-calibre parade with lots of entertaining floats. We owe a real vote of thanks to everyone who entered any type of entertainment or float or animal or anything that makes the Parade so good, and another vote of thanks to **John** and **Marie Blohm** for seeing that it all happens the way it is supposed to.

The *Echo* has always been excellent at keeping us informed about the workings of, and the decisions being made by Clearview Council. One doesn't always agree with their decisions, but it is important to know what the decisions are about. **Thom**

**Paterson's** articles go a long way toward keeping us all abreast of the items that Council is, and that we all should be, concerned about. So thanks to Thom for keeping us aware of the workings of our local politicians.

Speaking of the *Echo*, the December 7 issue was a wonderful Christmas edition with loads of great photos, and even the advertisements were nostalgic and "Christmassy." The article regarding the generous donation by **Michael Monahan** for a fundraiser for the Creemore Medical Centre made one feel good to see the fruits of his talent do so much good. And, I'm sure, the recipes included in this issue will taste good. Altogether, a great presentation by an office with few staff – all friendly, hardworking, helpful and cheerful folks. **Craig** and **Dr. Phil** sure left the *Echo* in good hands.

Thanks to daughter **Carol (Louie)** and **Jan Hensell** for setting up and decorating our Christmas tree and windows, and thanks to **Louie** and **Ron** for getting the "greenery" unearthed from **Warren's** garage and wrapping it around the veranda posts. This is the kind of thing that is getting beyond our ability to struggle with, but that we really appreciate being done for us.

We are looking forward to daughter **Sharon** and son-in-law **Guy** arriving soon from Alberta. Guy's mom is also in Ontario (in the Hamilton area), so they can get two family visits in on one trip. That's a good thing when you consider the cost of a couple of flights from Calgary to Ontario.

Don't forget that the *Echo* is collecting for the food bank – which is one more way that they help the community – as well as being a drop-off spot for wool, etc, etc.

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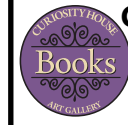
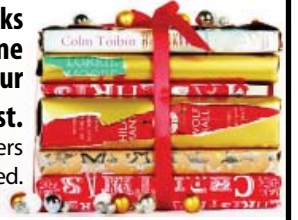
- For those not taking part in the one of the hourly workshops this is your chance to share your wish list and have a photo taken with the man in red at the Creemore Log Cabin.

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# Divas return for annual holiday show

by Laura Walton

It has become a tradition to finish off the seasonal Gift of Music series with a concert featuring female vocalists, our “Divas,” and this year is no exception. Mezzo-soprano **Erica Iris Huang**, who so charmed us last year, will be joined by lyric soprano **Stephanie Yelovich**, tenor **Andrew Byerlay**, and pianist **Blair Salter**. Our dynamic and gifted young vocalists never fail to delight us with their strong stage presence, their sense of humour, and a selection of music that is a mix of both classical and seasonal repertoire.

Mezzo soprano **Erica Huang** engaged us last year with her trademark stage presence of warmth, humour and charm. Praised by conductor and broadcaster **Howard Dyck** for her “gorgeous big voice, seamless from top to bottom, dramatic and highly expressive,” we are delighted to have Erica back with us again this year. Winner of the 2011 Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition, she was awarded an E-Gré Tour across Canada that was funded by Canada Council for the Arts. For the 2012/2013 season, Erica is touring with the Vancouver Opera’s School Touring Ensemble as their featured mezzo-soprano.

Pianist **Blair Salter** is the music director for Metro Youth Opera’s 2012 - 2013 season of one act operas. She has a Master of Music in collaborative piano, and does both collaborative and solo work. Blair has performed with the Niagara Symphony Orchestra as a



featured soloist, performing Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 21, and in 2011 was a pianist at La Musica Lirica in Novafeltria, Italy

New to St. Luke’s, lyric soprano **Stephanie Yelovich** has a Bachelor of Music and an Opera Diploma from Wilfred Laurier University and has performed in numerous roles, including performances in Ariadne auf Naxos, Le Nozze di Figaro, Così fan

tutte, Dvorak’s Rusalka, and Stephen Sondheim’s ‘A Little Night Music.’ On the concert stage, Stephanie has appeared with the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony alongside musician/comedian, **Rainer Hersch**.

Returning to perform for the Gift of Music for his third year, tenor **Andrew Byerlay** is currently in his fourth year of study at the Glenn Gould School of Music. He is a Sidgwick Scholar with

the Orpheus Choir of Toronto, and has performed in the Casalmaggiore International Music Festival in Italy, as well as at the International Vocal Arts Institute in Montreal. In addition to his vocal accomplishments, Andrew is also an accomplished oboist, and has performed as principal oboist with the National Concert Band of Canada for several seasons.

This year our vocalists will perform pieces by Mozart, Donizetti, Bizet and Bach. As always, they will finish off the afternoon with a few familiar seasonal favourites.

As the 2012 season comes to a close, we would like to thank our loyal audience for their support, as well as our sponsors, the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, the Creemore BIA, Creemore Springs, and Clearview Township. With your support over the years we have been able to bring great music to the village while supporting up-and-coming young musicians, many of whom have gone on to perform on the national and international stage.

The Gift of Music will be planning its 2013 season early in the New Year. We are exploring a few different options for off-season concerts, such as Celtic music, world music, and jazz, and we would welcome input from our audience.

Our “Divas and Friends” concert is at St. Luke’s Anglican Church this Sunday, December 16, at 3 pm. Tickets are \$15, and may be purchased at the *Echo*, Curiosity House Books, and at the door.

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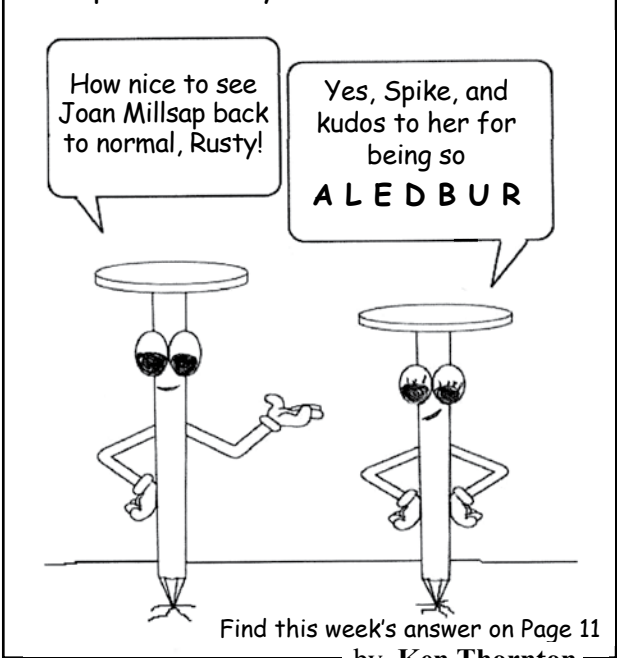
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Page 11

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer on Page 11 by Ken Thornton

### CREEMORE Weekend Weather

**Friday, December 14**  
Variable cloudiness  
High 3 Low -3 Winds NW 20 km/h  
POP 30%

**Saturday, December 15**  
Few flurries  
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I BELIEVED THAT GUY WHEN HE BOUGHT MY TRACTOR, BUT NOW HE'S GOT THE TRACTOR AND I'VE GOT A BAD CHEQUE!

AND NOW, HERE I STAND IN A FIELD BLURTING OUT ALL MY TROUBLES TO A COW!

...WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OUR TROUBLES TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY!

DON'T WORRY, PAL...

by JEFF WILSON

## Brian's Canadian Crossword

#205 by Brian Paquin © 2012

**ACROSS**

1 Geoducks, e.g.  
6 Prairie flower  
12 Beau \_\_\_\_  
17 Get connected (2)  
18 Rank indicated by a 1-bar chevron  
19 Resin in paint  
20 Not available (2)  
21 Circular badge  
22 Black, in Boucherville  
23 Structure seen on both the 20 and 50 dollar bills (2)  
25 Second most populous provincial capital  
27 Microwaves  
28 1961 hit for Roy Orbison  
29 Digest digesters?  
33 Tower ringer  
35 Winter and summer events hosted by ESPN (2)  
39 Level best  
40 1980 Robin Williams role  
42 Tweet content  
43 Pond coating  
44 Doctor Zhivago portrayer  
46 Pringle of Canada AM  
49 Tear to pieces  
51 Norwegian explorer Thorvaldson  
52 Fly Away \_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

1 Fast pace  
2 Sole  
3 Rain in Spain  
4 Gen. category  
5 Cold reactions  
6 Gloats  
7 \_\_\_\_ above  
8 \_\_\_\_ and above  
9 Arctic \_\_\_\_ snowmobile  
10 Completely  
11 Shabby  
12 Big name in Canadian chocolate  
13 Stretch out  
14 Wayne and Shuster performance  
15 Rookie  
16 Genesis garden  
18 Stratford Festival items  
24 Maple syrup desserts  
26 Stir up  
28 Music sheet mark  
29 Tamblyn of West Side Story  
30 Engrave  
31 River on the Russia-China border  
32 Like Toronto's Rogers Centre  
33 Foe of Bullwinkle  
34 Grand in scale  
36 Small in significance  
37 Theatre sign  
38 Canonized women, briefly  
40 Skins  
41 Brings to mind  
45 Frenzied  
47 Unit of current  
48 Lucky son of 51A  
50 One of Global TV's Three Nice Guys  
52 Contrived  
55 Shutout score  
56 Expressed awe  
57 Categories  
58 Bossy of the Islanders

**ACROSS**

53 Non-earthlings  
54 Jig and quadrille, e.g.  
56 Popular Inuit toy in the 1960s  
58 The Stanley Cup, e.g.  
61 Faculties  
62 I'd like to buy the world a \_\_\_\_  
63 Manitoba's order in Confederation  
67 Hebron inhabitant  
69 Maharishi \_\_\_\_ Yogi  
71 Screenwriter Ephron (Sleepless In Seattle)  
72 1960s Leaf Captain Dave  
73 Liar Liar actor  
75 Spirit  
77 The Earl of Wessex  
80 Noxious plant  
81 Like a Blue Jay  
82 Ogled  
84 Perot of America's Reform Party  
85 Uses a Blue Box  
88 A man called Intrepid  
94 Came up  
95 \_\_\_\_ Or Money (Michael J. Fox film)  
97 Sailor's break  
98 Bogged down  
99 Irreverent

**DOWN**

100 Pale beer  
101 Have a feeling  
102 Synagogue  
103 Go on a spree

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59 Not new  
60 Prosper  
62 Part of TCB  
64 End of a bed  
65 Like patriot love  
66 Spy or Die \_\_\_\_  
68 News commentaries  
69 That is, of course, unless the horse is the famous \_\_\_\_  
70 Very severe  
74 Totally rad!  
76 Scalps  
78 Move like a hairline  
79 Keyboard key  
81 Holds up

83 Make seaworthy again  
84 Stage production  
85 Collides with  
86 Shallowest of the Great Lakes  
87 Native Canadian grain crop  
88 Docking place  
89 Hammer or mallet  
90 Type of tide  
91 Type of advice  
92 Type of mitt  
93 Computer geek  
96 Category in Trivial Pursuit's Baby Boomer edition



# Community Christmas Dinner preparing for 11th annual event

by Diane McKay  
Plans for the 11th annual Creemore Community Christmas Dinner are well underway. This event takes place on December 25 at Station on the Green, and is open to any and all in the community who would like to share the fellowship of others on Christmas Day. Coordinators **Diane** and **Brian McKay**, Chef **Matthew Flett** and **Ali Woodley** and **Karen Johnston** and **Murray Firth** are looking forward to what is sure to be another memorable event.

Wanting to preserve the warmth and comfortable coziness of past dinners, they are limiting the seating to 130. They found 150, the number that attended last year, to be a little too large.

As of Tuesday, December 11, 80 guests had registered for the dinner. If you are planning to enjoy this traditional meal in the company of others from the community, or if you wish to volunteer your time to help with this event, call Diane at 705-466-3126 to register.

To ensure a place setting, it is

important that you also register any guests you may be planning to bring with you to the dinner.


Volunteers are willing to help with transportation or to deliver the complete meal with a nice gift to any shut-ins in Creemore and Avening, so let Diane know if you need this service or if you know of someone who may be recovering from illness, caring for a loved one at home or perhaps too shy to be in a crowd.

As always, there will be a social hour before the dinner. **Hazel, David** and **Karina Wipper** will once again be sharing their musical talents and encouraging guests to join them in singing traditional carols and other seasonal songs while all enjoy some nibbles with a cup of punch, apple cider or mulled wine.


The event coordinators want to thank corporate sponsor Village Builders Inc for their continued support and to all those caring generous people who are contributing funds, food or their time.

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## NOTICE

Creemore BIA is having a **Wreath Decorating Contest** and needs help in judging the best. Visit the local businesses and pick up a ballot to vote for your favourite. The ballots includes a list of where the wreaths are located. Completed ballots may be returned to Curiosity House Bookstore, Seasons of Creemore, Creemore House of Stitches or the Community Booth at the Christmas Craft Fair. Final date for voting is December 22. There is a prize for the person who wreath is voted the best.

**Ray’s Place Auto Restoration club is looking for help with our first resto-project** – a 1951 Ford F1 Pickup. We need your unwanted tools – socket set, wrenches, air tools, tool chest, etc. Please contact Corey 705-466-6593.

## REGISTRATION

**Registration for the 2013 winter CanSkate session** (January - March) for the Creemore Skating Club will take place on Saturday, December 22nd from 8 to 11 am at the Creemore Arena. For more information, please contact Annette Belkosky (705) 424-9422 or Julie Bigham (705) 424-0626/jbigham30@hotmail.com. Learn-to-skate CanSkate programs are available for all children 3 years of age and up. All you need is a pair of skates and a helmet.

## IN MEMORIAMs

**VOKES, Christopher** – Forever with us Remembering a special son, grandson, nephew and cousin; who left us December 18, 2006. He was always challenging us to think outside the box. In our hearts a memory is kept For a young man we loved And will never forget Always loved and remembered by Kathy, Eric and family

**RANSIER** – In memory of George Ransier. Husband, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa who passed away December 13, 2010.

Not a day goes by that we aren’t reminded of your selfless, quiet, compassionate nature. You always put family first. May you rest with the angels until we meet again. Missing you, Love Margaret, Bob, Betty (Grant) and families

## THANK YOU

Thanks to **Reg Rawn** and **Susan’s Grooming** for spoiling us with treats. *Creemore Echo*

**On behalf of the late Charles Craig** I would like to thank the Carruthers and Davidson Funeral Home. I would like to thank the Stayner Legion branch 457 for the beautiful service and for the beautiful lunch served by the ladies. I also thank all our friends, neighbours and relatives for their kindness to our loss. Mary Ann Craig, Christie Craig and Debbie Bowes

Many thanks to those of you who attended my Come-and-Go Tea at the Stayner Branch of the Clearview Public Library on December 4th. It was a treat to visit each of you, and to consume cake together. (There are seldom leftovers when Jessica Crandlemire bakes!) The good wishes and flowers from Clearview Township Council and Clearview Township Staff continue to provide cheer and beauty. A lovely gesture. A tremendous thank you to the Clearview Public Library Board for overseeing our local library system, and to Jennifer La Chapelle, CEO, for her humour and warmth. Sincerely, **Laura Wark, Manager of Public Services at the Essa Public Library**

The School Council and students and staff of Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School would like to say a huge thank you to all the individuals and community businesses and organizations who helped make our **2012 Breakfast with Santa** such a fantastic success. We could not have done it without your generous donations of items for our Treasure Trays, Shopping Room and silent auction, food and beverages for our breakfast, and the time donated to setting up, wrapping presents, decorating the school, moving tables and chairs, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up. Thank you so much! Thank you goes out to: Cardboard Castles, Mad Maple Inn, Sandra Gee, Michelle Pothier, Organic Beauty Boutique, Highlands Nordic, Sysco, The New Farm, Huron Tractor Stayner, Cuddle Cravers, Juliette Reynolds, Strandz Hair, Mylar and Loretta’s, Curiosity House, Essentials, Level Wear, Wool Love, Creemore Village Pharmacy, Chez Michel, Pizza Perfect, Home Hardware Creemore, the Whitley Family, Affairs Bakery, Creemore 100 Mile Store, Seasons Creemore, Soldiers Paintball, Moya Boya, Collwest, Ontario Egg Producers, Reinhart Foods Stayner, Clearview Soccer, Steer Enterprises, Maximum Physiotherapy, Canadian Mist, The Blue House, Thai Massage, Tim Hortons, The Old Mill House Pub & Restaurant, Hoffman’s Meats, Sovereign Restaurant, Miller’s Milk, Judy Fuke, Clearview Township, Hamilton Bros., Santa, Norma Friest, Mark Hamerton and all the parents, students – current and past – and the many other members of the community who gave so generously.

## DEATH NOTICES

**MILLAR, James (Dalton)** passed away peacefully at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital on Friday, December 7, 2012 in his 78<sup>th</sup> year. Dalton, beloved husband. of Marie (nee Culham) for over 56 years. Loving father of Jerry and his wife Alfea of Orillia, Rob and his wife P.J. of Sudbury, Eric and his wife Maureen of Stayner, and the late Della (1979). Dear Papa of Jeffrey, Robyn (Pablo Parada), Christopher, Scott and extended family Dylan (Krista) and Ocean. Dear brother of Roberta (Neil) MacNeil of Aurora, Cathy (Doug) Heal of Thornbury and the late Frank. Predeceased by his parents Robert and Mary Millar. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at 1 pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Singhampton. Interment at Singhampton Union Cemetery. www.chattersonfuneralhome.com

**HAHN, DAVID GEORGE**, P. ENG, MBA - David died peacefully in Collingwood with family at his side on Saturday, December 8, 2012. Born in Toronto on May 15, 1925, son of Major James Emanuel and Dorothy (McLagan) Hahn, he is predeceased by twin brother Jim and son-in-law Sandy Bunten. He is survived by his loving wife Louise, sister Marian Bradshaw, son Douglas (Janet Cox), daughters Susan and Alison, and grandsons Fraser, Alexander and Adam. David went to Upper Canada College and enlisted in the army, attaining rank of Lieutenant. He graduated from U of T School of Engineering and Harvard Business School where he met Louise Curtis, to whom he was married for over sixty years. They moved to Toronto where David worked for the John Inglis Company leading to an apprenticeship in the UK with English Electric, working on the first Rolls Royce jet engine. When they returned to Toronto David pursued his business life in manufacturing and construction and began his lifelong involvement in politics and volunteerism. As a Liberal MP for Broadview riding, David participated in the adoption of the new Canadian flag, became Chair of the Defence Committee, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry during the Canada/US auto-trade pact discussions. Always the adventurer, David loved fly fishing, sailing, flying, canoe tripping, scuba and skydiving. He loved the arts particularly chamber music, the symphony, and literature. He developed a deep commitment to the stewardship of nature and when Louise and David moved to Mulmur in 1987 he maintained his own woodlot, became an apiarist, and discovered the Bruce Trail. He became Chair of the local ratepayers association, and Honorary Director of Coalition of Niagara Escarpment (CONE). Friends and neighbours would often seek his advice and political savvy on various local environmental issues. David had a rare blend of quiet courage, keen intelligence, and kindness. He loved to laugh, and his optimism was inexhaustible. We know his wide circle of friends, from all walks of life, will miss him. He had a fine life. Our thanks to the many wonderful caregivers who helped make the last two years more comfortable for David and easier for our family. The system works! A celebration to honour David’s life is planned for January 26, 2013 at 2 pm at Station on the Green in Creemore. Donations to either the Bruce Trail Conservancy or the Coalition of the Niagara Escarpment (CONE) would be welcome.

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# Whitley and Graham are Canadian Champions

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The pair, who skate out of the Mariposa School of Skating in Barrie, will now take some time off and face some big decisions.

“This is what they’ve been working toward for five years, so it’s a good time to think about the future,” said Hannah’s mom **Kathy**. The next step, if the pair decide to keep skating, would be to move up to the Novice level. Should they win at that level at next year’s Skate Canada Challenge, they would move on to Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

For Hannah, it seems the decision might already be made.

“I can’t wait to get back at it,” she said.

Kathy, by the way, wouldn’t let us write this article without sending a thank you to the community for their support – apparently Hannah and Elliott have been flooded with cards and phone calls since their win – as well as to **Bev Stableforth** for designing the dress that Hannah wore during the competition.

“This is one of those moments that makes you proud to be from a place like Creemore,” she said.



Whitley and Graham on ice.



## A good neighbour

The Dufferin Wind Farm project was started by members of this community to help sustain local farming and support our community through the generation of clean energy.

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project will be an important source of income that will help us keep our farming way of life that we, and our families before us, have worked so hard to preserve.

We want to thank all of the members of the community who have come to visit us in our project office and for their ongoing support and encouragement. We are looking forward to building a project that we can all be proud of and that helps our community.

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